



Wholehearted Faith: Caleb's Enduring Spirit

Read Joshua 14

Listen to the Message 'Wholehearted Faith: Caleb's Enduring Spirit' (6th October 2024) at www.elim.family/media

In this sermon, Pastor Jim explores the concept of waiting for God's promises, focusing on the biblical figure of Caleb. He shares how Caleb, one of the two spies alongside Joshua who had faith in God's promise, waited 45 years to enter the Promised Land. Through unwavering faith and wholehearted devotion, Caleb maintained a "different spirit" and remained steadfast in his belief that God would fulfil His promises, even at the age of 85. Pastor Jim highlights Caleb's persistence, showing that waiting for something valuable—whether it's a good haircut or God's promises—requires faith, endurance, and trust in God's timing.

Pastor Jim challenges us to follow God wholeheartedly, just as Caleb did. He encourages us not to merely exist or coast through life, but to actively pursue God's purposes and promises. Whether we are young or old, God's calling remains, and like Caleb, we must stay proactive and engaged, relying on God for strength. By following Caleb's example—remaining physically, spiritually, and emotionally healthy, remembering God's promises, and never giving up—we can live lives full of purpose and faith, trusting that God's promises are always worth the wait.

Questions for reflection:

Personal Reflection Questions:

1. Am I following God wholeheartedly, or am I allowing distractions and comfort to take priority in my life?
2. Is there a promise from God that I've been waiting on? How have I handled the waiting period?
3. In what ways am I proactive in pursuing God's calling, even when the path isn't clear or easy?
4. Have I ever settled for something quick and easy, instead of waiting for what is truly good and lasting?
5. How can I better align my daily routines and priorities with my desire to follow God wholeheartedly?

Group Reflection Questions:

1. What are some practical ways we, as a group, can encourage one another to remain steadfast in faith while waiting on God's promises?
2. How does Caleb's story challenge us to stay committed to God's calling, no matter our age or circumstances?
3. What obstacles do we face as a group in following God wholeheartedly, and how can we overcome them together?
4. How can we help one another avoid simply "existing" and instead actively pursue God's purpose for our lives?
5. What does it look like for our group to claim the promises God has made for our community and take new territory for His kingdom?

If you have never accepted Jesus as your personal saviour and you would like to move from the margins to having a relationship with Him. Please speak to one of the pastors or leadership team, we would love to pray with you. Alternatively, go to www.elim.family/ihavedecided to find out more about giving your life to Jesus.